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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 04-May-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	05/04/02	04/27/02
BRO-FRY	163,741	163,366
LT HENS	2,123	2,083
HVY HENS	1,422	1,416

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEKS ENDING 20-Apr-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	129	0	129
LAST WEEK	253	0	253
SAME WK YR AGO	417	13	430
TO DATE 2002	5,076	20	5,096
TO DATE 2001	8,154	125	8,279

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
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HEAD	2,039	1,417	3,456
LAST WEEK	2,180	1,327	3,507
SAME WK YR AGO	2,123	1,423	3,546
TO DATE 2002	34,215	20,785	55,000
TO DATE 2001	37,868	21,140	59,008

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 27-Apr-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	157,688 (A)	1,948	1,368	3,316
AVG WT	5.01	3.36	7.85	5.21
LAST WEEK	158,640	1,910	1,417	3,327
SAME WEEK YR AGO	156,893	1,791	1,396	3,187
AVG WT	5.00	3.74	8.01	5.61
TO-DATE/2002	2,603,211	31,087	22,133	53,220
TO-DATE/2001	2,550,764	31,505	22,411	53,916

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.6 million head or -0.9 million head less than or 99 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING April 20, 2002**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

HEAD	36,403	24,662	45,954
AVG WEIGHT	3.75	4.80	5.98
% OF TOTAL /1	34%	23%	43%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	28,321	21,086	45,807
AVG WEIGHT	3.80	4.84	6.07
% OF TOTAL /1	30%	22%	48%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	33,242	26,081	46,381
AVG WEIGHT	3.83	4.73	5.99
% OF TOTAL /1	31%	25%	44%
TO DATE/2002	489,685	373,530	747,461
TO DATE/2001	515,707	418,904	703,631

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 27-Apr-02
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,950	2,719	67	10	4,746
AVG WT	16.03	35.97	24.56	33.57	27.60
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,936	2,688	80	2	4,706
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,006	2,725	36	1	4,768
AVG WT	15.98	35.42	26.24	31.28	27.17
TO-DATE/2002	30,051	44,233	730	124	75,138
TO-DATE/2001	33,079	44,674	642	250	78,645

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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